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SUBJECT: FRG, BERLIN, AND THE WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE
RADIO CONFERENCE

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SUMMARY: FRG HAS ASKED ALLIES FOR PERMISSION TO REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF BERLIN AT THE FORTHCOMING WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE (WARC). FRG FEELS THAT SOVIETS MAY OBJECT TO FRG REPRESENTATION OF BERLIN INTERESTS, BUT ANTICIPATES LESS DIFFICULTY THAN WITH THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION CONFERENCE ON LF/MF BROADCASTING. EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT COMMENTS. END SUMMARY.

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1. FRG REP (HENZE) INFORMED ALLIES IN BONN GROUP THAT

THE FRG WISHES TO REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF BERLIN AT THE FORTHCOMING WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE FOR PLANNING OF BROADCASTING-SATELLITE SERVICE IN FREQUENCY BANDS 11.7-12.2 GHZ (IN REGIONS 2 AND 3) AND 11.7-12.5 GHZ (IN REGION 1).

2. THE CONFERENCE IS SPONSORED BY THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION (ITU) AND IS TO TAKE PLACE IN GENEVA FROM JANUARY 10 TO FEBRUARY 12, 1977. THE CONFERENCE HAS A MANDATE TO ESTABLISH THE SHARING CRITERIA FOR BANDS 11.7-12.5 GHZ BETWEEN THE BROADCASTING SERVICE AND OTHER SERVICES TO WHICH THESE BANDS ARE ALLOCATED INCLUDING:

-- FIXED SERVICE

-- MOBILE SERVICE (EXCEPT FOR AERONAUTICAL MOBILE)

-- BROADCASTING SERVICE

-- FIXED-SATELLITE SERVICE.

IN ADDITION, THE CONFERENCE WILL PLAN FOR THE BROADCASTING-SATELLITE SERVICE IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED BANDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESULTS OF THE 1973 MALAGA-TORREMOLINOS AND 1971 GENEVA CONFERENCE. THE RESULT SHOULD BE A DETERMINATION OF THE FORM AND LOCATION OF THE VARIOUS RECEPTION AREAS INCLUDING A MAP SHOWING THEIR EXTENT.

3. ACCORDING TO THE INVITATION TO THE FRG TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE, THE FRG IS TO PROVIDE A STATEMENT OF ITS REQUIREMENTS TO THE CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT BY OCTOBER 15. THE COLLECTED STATEMENTS OF THE PARTICIPANTS ARE TO BE PRINTED BY NOVEMBER 15 FOR STUDY AND DISTRIBUTION TO THE OTHER MEMBERS. HENZE CONSIDERS THE MATTER TO BE OF SOME URGENCY AS THE FRG IS IN THE PROCESS OF DRAWING UP THEIR LIST OF REQUIREMENTS.

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4. IN REGARD TO REPRESENTING BERLIN, HENZE SAID THAT THE FRG WAS DRAWING UP ITS LIST OF REQUIREMENTS TO INCLUDE THE NEEDS OF BERLIN. FRG PLANS TO ASK FOR FIVE SATELLITE FREQUENCIES. THE FEDERAL POST, TELECOMMUNICATION MINISTRY HAD ORIGINALLY THOUGHT THAT BERLIN'S NEEDS WOULD BE COVERED BY THE "SPILLOVER" OF THE FRG REQUIREMENTS. HOWEVER, THE FRG NOW BELIEVES THAT TO COVER BERLIN'S NEEDS THE FRG MUST ASK FOR A RECEPTION ZONE BASED UPON A LINE RUNNING SOMEWHERE TO THE EAST OF BERLIN.

5. IN MAKING HIS REQUEST THAT THE FRG REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF BERLIN IN THE WARC, HENZE RECALLED THAT THE

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FRG HAD REPRESENTED BERLIN AT THE 1976 LF/MF BROADCASTING CONFERENCE IN GENEVA (REFTEL). IT IS POSSIBLE

THAT THE SOVIETS MAY OBJECT TO SUCH AN FRG ROLE IN THE WARC. HOWEVER, IN HENZE'S VIEW, THE SITUATION SHOULD BE "LESS DIFFICULT" TO HANDLE THAN THE LF/MF CONFERENCE. THE FRG WILL NOT BE ASKING SPECIFICALLY FOR FREQUENCIES FOR BERLIN. RATHER, BERLIN'S REQUIREMENTS WILL BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE NEEDS OF THE FRG.

6. UNLESS THE ALLIES EXPRESS AN OBJECTION, THE FRG WILL PROCEED AS OUTLINED ABOVE WHEN IT FILES ITS FREQUENCY REQUIREMENTS BY OCTOBER 15 WITH THE INTERNATIONAL FREQUENCY REGISTRATION BOARD (IFRB).

7. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDER WITH OTHER APPROPRIATE US AUTHORITIES PROPOSED FRG REPRESENTATION OF BERLIN AT THE CONFERENCE. IF DEPARTMENT PERCEIVES ANY COMPLICATIONS IN THE SITUATION, WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED AS FAR IN ADVANCE OF OCTOBER 15 AS POSSIBLE.
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